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	A1	5-236414	09/10/1993	Japan		X
	A2	2002-152636	05/24/2002	Japan		X
	A3	2002-84498	03/22/2002	Japan		X
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS	REF	(Include Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)
	A5	Patent Abstracts of Japan, Publication No. 05-236414 dated September 10, 1993, 1 pg.
	A6	Patent Abstracts of Japan, Publication No. 2002-152636 dated May 24, 2002, 1 pg.
	A7	Patent Abstracts of Japan, Publication No. 2002-084498 dated March 22, 2002, 1 pg.
	A8	Patent Abstracts of Japan, Publication No. 2002-032975 dated January 31, 2002, 1 pg.

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